GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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WHEAT STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for wheat stock during the current year;

(b) whether the wheat stock of the country remained much below the target fixed for the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for achieving the targets fixed for wheat stock?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The stock position of wheat vis a vis buffer norms since 1.1.2008 is as under:-

(in lakh tons)

AS ON	WHEAT Minimum buffer norms	Actual stock
1.1.2008	82	77.12
1.4.2008	40	58.03
1.7.2008	171	249.12
1.10.2008	110	220.25

Although, the actual stock of wheat as on 1.1.2008 was lower than the buffer norms, however, the stock of wheat from 1.4.2008 onwards has been higher than the buffer norms due to record procurement of wheat on account of increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) and other measures taken by the Government.